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Applicants : Vladimir MORAVEK, et al.  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2003 (Paper No. 8) is due by September 8, 2003.

The Action required restriction between the following groups of claims:

- Group I of claims 1-8, drawn to a material for coating a superalloy substrate; and
- Group II of claims 9-15, drawn to a process of coating a turbine part.

Applicants hereby elect Group II of claims 9-15, drawn to a process of coating a turbine part, with traverse, for prosecution in this application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because, while the groups of claims are separately classified, they necessarily must be searched and examined together. Applicants point out that the material of Group I is directed to specific metal particles in a paint, and the process of Group II requires that specific material to treat turbine parts.

Consequently, searching for the material or searching for the process require essentially the same areas of search. Little is served by separately examining these claims.

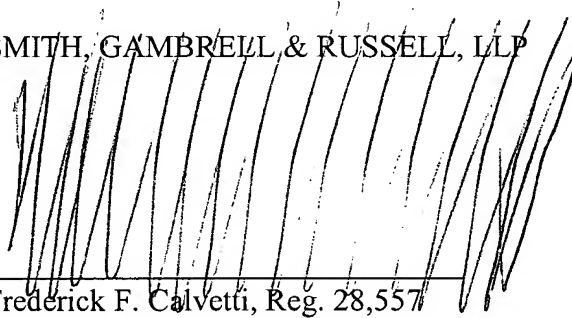
Reconsideration of the requirement is requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

Applicants submit that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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